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# NAB SUSPECTS FLEEING ROBBERY

## Pair Held on Holdup Charge

Two men who are scheduled to appear in South Bay Municipal Court tomorrow for a preliminary hearing on burglary charges are back in Torrance jail today on charges of armed robbery.

William Henry Seager, 34, of Los Angeles, and Samuel John Stubbs, 36, of Redondo Beach, were taken into custody early yesterday morning . . . a few minutes after they reportedly held up a liquor store at 3217 Pacific Coast Hwy.

One of the men, Seager, has been identified by Howard Allen Foot as the man who forced him to turn over more than \$200 in cash. Foot said the man held a .380 colt automatic on him.

### Deny Charges

Both Seager and Stubbs deny any connection with the armed robbery.

The duo was arrested by officers who were speeding to the scene of the robbery. Officers noted a 1957 auto run a stop sign at Sepulveda and Crenshaw Blvd.

Police gave chase and pulled the car over. They found the gun in the glove compartment. Squad Car Checked

While the men were being booked at the city jail, one of the officers went out to check the patrol car used to transport Seager to the station. A roll of bills, \$390, tied with a rubber band, was stuffed behind the seat on the side where Seager had been sitting.

The victim of the robbery told officers he had locked the store for the night and had started around to the rear of the store to his house.

Reopened Store  
Suddenly a man, later identified by him as Seager, stepped

from behind the shadows, and at gun point ordered Foot to reopen the store and give him the money, he reported.

Both Seager and Stubbs were arrested Dec. 4 in the process of burglarizing Scotty's Dept. Store, at 174th and Crenshaw Blvd.

Bail was set at \$1000 apiece for the pair on that charge.

## Rites Set For Early City Leader

Death this week claimed one of the city's pioneer residents, Carroll S. Ashley, 86, who first moved to Torrance on Jan. 12, 1913.

A machinist for the old Union Tool Co. and later National Supply Co., Mr. Ashley had been active in the early history of Torrance, and had prepared a manuscript for a pictorial history of the city at one time.

Mr. Ashley died Friday in Inglewood. He had made his home in recent years with a daughter, Mrs. Muriel Lund, at 2219 Gramercy Ave. Another daughter, Evelyn Kerns, lives in Van Nuys. One sister also survives him, Mrs. Edith Bundy of Los Angeles.

Two days after establishing his home here in 1913, he became secretary of Torrance Hose Company No. 1, the city's volunteer fire department headed by Chief H. S. McManus. He served in this capacity for some time, and was active and interested in the city's fire department for many years.

Mr. Ashley had kept records on many of the old time families of Torrance, and in his history, had put down the dates which many of the city's first residents arrived here to make their home.

Christian Science services for Mr. Ashley will be conducted at Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel at 2 p. m. Tuesday, with Mrs. Mabel Steinhilber as reader. Burial will be in Pacific Crest Cemetery.

## Youngsters Will Present Yule Legend

The third annual production of "The Christmas Legend" will be given at the Torrance Civic Auditorium this Thursday and Saturday evenings. Both performances will be at 7:30 p. m.

The story is an original play written by Mrs. Pat Bennett. Both children and adults are invited to the performances, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department.

## Rivets Reports

The sun should shine today, but there may be some haze and high clouds. Rivets, HER-ALD weather dog reported. There's a 30 percent probability of rain.

High and temperature's this week included Thursday (79-46); Friday (72-45); and Saturday (70-45).



CLUB FOUNDER HONORED . . . Dr. C. W. Shropshire (center), founder of Civitan International was honored at the Torrance Civitan meeting this week with a plaque presented to him on behalf of the Eugene, Ore., club. On the left is Tom Ward, past president of the Torrance club and now governor of the California, Nevada, Arizona district, and on the right is M. W. Heimerdinger, president of the Torrance club. (Herald Photo)

## 18-Year-Old in Chase Arrested

An 80-mile-an-hour chase ended Friday evening when a Torrance police officer arrested Michael Thomas Salatin, 18, of Redondo Beach.

The youth faced multiple charges including drunk driving, engaging in a speed contest, reckless driving, attempt to evade arrest, speeding, driving on the wrong side of the road, and running a stop sign.

Officer Don Lemaster made the arrest at Torrance Blvd. and Prospect Pl. in Redondo Beach after the youth's car struck a pole and slid nearly 500 feet. Wheels of the car were shorn off and sparks flew. No one was injured although three juveniles were in the car with Salatin.

The officer first spotted the 18-year-old at Torrance Blvd. and Palos Verdes Blvd. He reported seeing two cars drag racing and attempted to stop the vehicles.

One of the cars pulled over and Lemaster let his partner out to take care of the occupants while he continued to give chase to the Salatin car.

## Mumps Head Disease List

Mumps jumped back at the head of the list of local diseases during the week ending Dec. 7, according to the County Health Department.

Seven cases of mumps were reported in the Torrance Health Area during that period. Five cases of scarlet fever also were recorded. Also on the list were two cases each of hepatitis, tuberculosis, and whooping cough and one case each of epilepsy and measles.

The city of Torrance alone had four cases of mumps, two of scarlet fever, and one each of epilepsy, hepatitis, whooping cough and tuberculosis.

## 4 Tons of Potatoes Arrive As Yule Mail Deluge Starts

Torrance postmen, whose backs are beginning to feel the strain of delivering the heavy stacks of Christmas cards, last week finished another tedious job — delivering more than four tons of dehydrated mashed potatoes.

Just as the Christmas rush started, more than 20,000 boxes of mashed potatoes addressed to the "occupants" at local homes arrived. Distributing the boxes had to be done piecemeal, because of the weight they added to the postman's already-bulging packs, according to Postmaster Clara Conner.

### Distribution Starts

Distribution of the samples was completed last week, she said. Had they arrived a few days later, they might have caused a considerable snarl in delivery of Christmas cards, which are expected to reach their peak next week.

The potatoes were mailed under bulk mailing privileges. Some local postmen reported that they would not be able to look a mashed potato in the face, come Christmas. To meet the Yule rush, local

## Hike in Phone Rates Approved

Telephone users in the Torrance area will soon be paying more for some calls made outside the local dialing area, the Public Utilities Commission decided Wednesday.

The commission authorized a shortening of the "mileage steps" for toll calls and a decision on an increase in message unit charges from 4.25 cents to 4.3 cents per unit. Although a complete schedule of the changes in charges was not available immediately, the decision probably will add

one message unit to each call outside an eight-mile limit. The previous limit was 10 miles.

### Rate Increases

The order, effective on or after Jan. 6, will increase the revenues of the Pacific, General, California, and Sunland-Tujunga Telephone Companies by an estimated \$15,271,000 a year and is intended to place multi-message unit services on a self-supporting basis, both within their serving areas and through interchange of traffic.

The commission reported that the basic exchange rates are not affected, nor are charges raised for calls within local service areas.

What effect the change will have on phone bills will depend on the calling habits of the individual. The basic monthly phone bill will be unchanged, but extra message units will cost more, depending on the distance.

### No Local Changes

FAirfax subscribers still will be able to call DAVIS, DAVENPORT, FRONTIER and TERMINAL, or vice versa, at the same rates as before. However, calls to downtown Los Angeles exchanges—WEBSTER, HOLLYWOOD, CLINTON, and others—probably will cost more.

Further hearings on the request of Pacific Telephone's statewide rate increase application and on California Water and Telephone's system-wide increases will be held later. An open hearing on the request of General Telephone for increases will be scheduled later.

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## Man Admits Taking Cycle

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## Harbor Area Tops Red Feather Goal

The Harbor Area topped 100 per cent Thursday in the current Community Chest fund raising campaign, Ernest Browers, Wilmington city chairman, announced at the final report luncheon at the Statler Hotel.

Browers gave the report in the absence of Jay A. Robinson, Harbor Area campaign chairman. The Harbor Area with 100.22 per cent raised a quota of \$86,856 was second among the Associated Cities Areas to Centinela Valley with 102 per cent of quota.

First among Harbor cities is Gardena under chairman Oren O'Neill with 109.35 per cent of a quota of \$15,946. Rolling Hills, the first Harbor city to hit 100 per cent, is second, under city chairman Mrs. Harold Kavalaris, with 105.19 per cent of a \$5630 quota.

Other cities in the Harbor Area reporting are Torrance, under Glenn Koger, 101.84 per cent of \$19,887; Palos Verdes, under Mrs. William Ralph LaPorte, 97.84 per cent of \$7724;

### A Penny for your Thoughts

Noting the action of three schools in withdrawing from the PCC, the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked:

"Do you think UCLA, SC, and California were justified in withdrawing from the Pacific Coast Conference? Why?"

Most people, he found, either are not familiar with the facts or do not care. Those with opinions said:

Roland Hein, 21317 Kent Ave., oil worker: "I think it's completely justified. They were pushed around by the conference with penalties. Most people went to see the games—because SC and UCLA were playing in them."

John Shackelford, 21154 LaSalle, aircraft worker: "Yes, they were justified. I think it would be better for them to get into a national league with some of the better teams from other parts of the country."

Harvey Silagy, 2226 Portrillo Rd., Rolling Hills, painter: "I think they were right. Eliminating all the senior players was bad. If all the California teams withdraw, they can play each other and that would be better."

Edith Rogers, 2300 W. 231st St., cleaner: "I think they were justified in withdrawing from the Pacific Coast Conference, but I also believe that the result will be to hurt the sport."

Albert Posner, 1728 Fern Ave., assistant school superintendent: "They were justified, but I'm prejudiced having attended USC. The cost-of-living went up for athletes, the same as the rest of us. The whole business of assistance to athletes was years behind the times."

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## MORE TOYS FOR TOTS REQUESTED

Christmas morning smiles for thousands of local underprivileged children depend on action now by Torrance grown-ups.

The 1957 Toys for Tots drive has passed the half-way point and the 5th Communications Company, local Marine reserve unit, reports that it has received only 300 toys from the Torrance area.

Several times that number of toys must be collected before the drive ends Dec. 21, according to Major Richard J. Andersen, commanding officer of the company.

Toys are collected in special barrels at Shell service stations, McMahan's Furniture Stores, and supermarkets, sorted by the Marines, and turned over to local welfare agencies for distribution to the tots on Christmas morning, Andersen said. Shell Oil Co. and the Marines cooperate nationally in the charitable program, Andersen stated.

The Marine officer emphasized that only new or usable toys should be donated, since the Marines have no facilities for toy repair.

The Roller Drome, 1851 Mullin Ave., will admit any skaters next Tuesday night who bring in a toy suitable for donation to the Toys for Tots campaign, according to owner George Anderson.

Thursday — Harbor General Hospital, 2-3; on float by Fox Market, 1321 Post Ave., 3-6.

Friday — Howard Wood School, 11-1:30; Harbor General Hospital, 1:30-2:30; Rolling Hills (helicopter landing at Palos Verdes and Western), 2:30-3:30; on float at Baer's Draperies, 3:30-6 and 6:30-7:15.

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